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1. DR. SULEIMAN SOLAIM, MINISTER OF COMMERCE, TOLD AMBASSADOR APRIL 19, THAT HE WILL BE SPENDING APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK IN U.S. BEGINNING SATURDAY, APRIL 22. HE WILL BE ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON FROM LONDON VIA BA 189 AT 1300. PLEASE INFORM CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION OF HIS ARRIVAL IN ORDER PROVIDE NECESSARY COURTESIES. SOLAIM SAID SAUDI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS PROGRAM, BUT THAT HE ALREADY HAD COMMITMENTS TO SPEAK IN NEW YORK TO WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL AND TO ANOTHER FORUM IN SAN FRANCISCO.

2. DURING OTHER CONVERSATIONS THAT DAY WE ALSO LEARNED THAT ABD AL-AZIZ QURAISHI, GOVERNOR OF SAUDI ARABIAN MONETARY AGENCY, WILL ARRIVE IN U.S. AT END OF NEXT WEEK. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ELECTRICITY, DR. GHAZI GOSSAIBI, WILL BE IN U.S. FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK BEGINNING ABOUT MAY 7. PRINCE SAUD SAID HE TOO PLANS TO BE IN U.S. AROUND MAY 14. WE WILL TRY TO GET MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON THE ARRIVALS AND SCHEDULES.

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3. REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE TO TAIF, PRINCE SAUD'S SECRETARY SAYS THAT MOVE HAS NOW BEEN DELAYED AND MAY NOT OCCUR UNTIL EARLY JULY REPEAT JULY.
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